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Reel it in

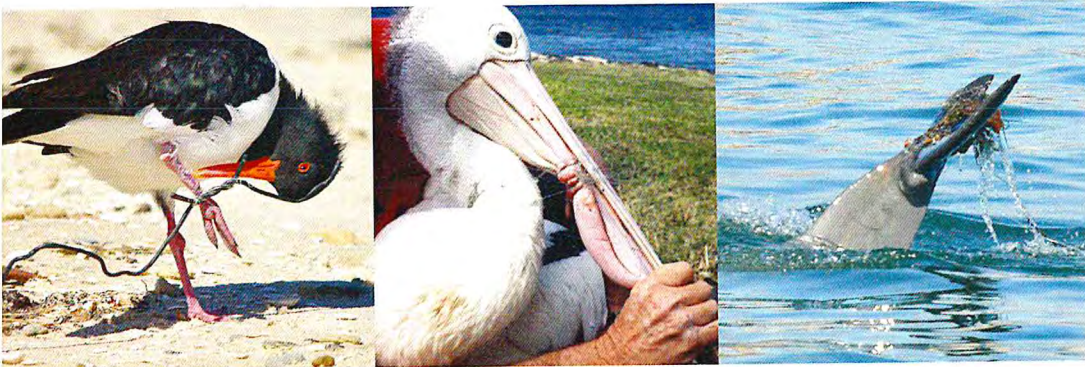


Reel it in fishing line bins are used to remove recreational angling waste from Western Australia's marine and estuarine environments. This helps reduce the rates of wildlife entanglement.

Reel it in bins are designed so that wildlife and weather won't be able to pull the rubbish back out.



Help our wildlife



The Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) is reeling in the threats to marine wildlife by providing specially designed bins for popular fishing spots across WA.

Each year, thousands of marine birds, mammals and fish are killed or injured due to poorly discarded fishing line and tackle.

While accredited wildlife rehabilitators and Perth Zoo's Veterinary Department provide care for many wildlife entanglement victims, you can help reduce the threats to local wildlife by placing used fishing waste into a *Reel it in* bin.

What's the story?

Plastic waste, particularly fishing line, poses a threat to marine and estuarine wildlife when not disposed of responsibly. Most plastic waste continues to threaten wildlife long after it has been discarded.

As a result, thousands of animals such as dolphins, birds and seals, suffer from entanglement and ingestion every year with only a small proportion ever found.

Specially designed bins made from recycled plastic enable the appropriate disposal of fishing waste once installed at popular fishing locations.

More than a bin

Reel it in bins are already having a big impact:

- Over **50km** of fishing line and thousands of hooks, sinkers and bait bags collected since the program began in 2013.
- More than **70 bins** installed at popular fishing locations across WA's coastline and waterways.
- Over 20 **community and government groups** partnering with DBCA to reduce the amount of waste in oceans and waterways.
- Data collected is entered into the Australian Marine Debris (AMD) Database.

Adopt-a-bin

We are looking for dedicated volunteers to empty their local *Reel it in* bin on a weekly basis.

We will provide equipment and training and you will be rewarded for accruing volunteer hours.

Check if there is a bin you would like to 'adopt' near you. Please visit riverguardians.com.

**Have you seen any sick or injured native wildlife?
Please contact the Wildcare Helpline on (08) 9474 9055.**



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